

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CROWBOROUGH

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CHURCH TIMETABLE 1st to 15th OCTOBER 2016

Sunday

Saturday Vigil MASS 6.00pm

Sunday Morning MASS at 9.30am with Children's Liturgy for those able to sit and participate during term time.

Neighbourhood

Saturday - Holy Cross Chapel at 4.30pm

MASSES

Sunday - St Peter's, Rotherfield at 8.45am

Sunday - St Thomas', Mayfield at 10.00am

Sunday - Heron's Ghyll at 11.30am

Sunday - Wadhurst at 10.30am

Sunday - St Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am and 5.45pm

Weekday

Please Note: No weekday MASSES until 17th October.

MASSES

Today: The Annual Missionary Appeal and Collection.

"The Missionaries of Africa" a.k.a. [The White Fathers], are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through Parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare, the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches."

Fr Joseph Cummins will be speaking to us.

Please use their envelopes for Gift Aid.

Weekend 8th/9th October: Fr Jim Hurley will celebrate the weekend MASSES.

Please Note: For emergency calls for a Priest or queries about pastoral matters, please 'phone Anthony Moffatt 653956 mobile: 07836559110.

For property matters and access to Church or Parish Room, please 'phone Peter Hamerton 655932.

Traidcraft: Please note: There will be no Traidcraft stall in the Parish Room this weekend [1st/2nd October]. The stall will be open again on 5th/6th November after the vigil and morning MASSES. Thank you to all who support this stall.

Churches Together - Crowborough and Rotherfield: The AGM is on Monday, 3rd October at 7.30pm in the United Church, Croft Road. All are very welcome to attend.

St Gregory's School Open Events: 19th/20th October at 9.00am to 10.20am with school tours.

Fr Kevin is away from the Parish until 15th October.

In the Year of Mercy
The Rt Rev Richard Moth
Bishop of Arundel & Brighton
Invites you to join him on a Pilgrimage to
The Holy Door
Mayfield Convent
The Old Palace, High St, Mayfield TN20 6PH
Saturday, 15th October

Timetable
10:00 MASS - Chapel
11:00 Tea - Courtyard
11:30 Talk by Bishop Richard on Lectio - Chapel
12:00 Break into Small Group Discussions - Sixth Form Centre
12:45 Concluding Prayer - Chapel
Pilgrims are invited to bring a packed lunch.
Tea and coffee will be kindly provided by the school.

CAFOD Sunday is being transferred [here in St Mary's] to 15/16th October and a collection will be taken on 22/23rd October - World Mission Sunday [an International MASS].

St Mary's First Communion Preparation Programme will not begin until the week beginning 17th October. There will be an Information Meeting for Parents on 18th October at 3.45pm in the Parish Room. The date for First Communions for 2017 - the Feast of Corpus Christi - 18th June.

Pastoral Team Meeting - Thursday, 20th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Red Box Collection has arrived again. Please hand in your boxes for counting. Last day for collection will be Sunday, 9th October.

The Parish Office will be closed from 2nd October to 17th October.

The Shoebox Appeal will commence this weekend [1/2nd October] and will run until the weekend 29/30th October. Leaflets and some boxes will be available in the Church porch. Please adhere to the required customs regulations. Thank you for your generosity and support of this worthwhile cause, which brings such joy to so many who live in dire poverty. *Brenda Sharman 665421 and Monique Ronan 662688.*

Christmas Market: Unfortunately no volunteers have come forward to organise a 2016 Christmas Market. As a community there is a strong desire to celebrate the lead up to Christmas with Parish community friends. It is clear through dwindling attendees and profits over the last few years that the appeal of the Christmas Market in the current format has probably run its course. We are excited therefore to announce a change to the format to encompass the Vigil Mass, carols, a sing-a-long, Christmas refreshments, the Grand Draw and a select number of Parish run stalls, including those of our Parish members.

"*Pa-Rum-Pa-Pa-Pum* - A Christmas sing-a-long" will take place on **Saturday, 3rd December**. Mass will be at **3.00pm**, followed by refreshments and the opening of the stalls. At 4.30pm we shall take our seats back in Church to enjoy some performed music and a sing-a-long of our favourite Christmas carols, ending with the Grand Draw at approx 5.30pm. Following this, all will be welcome to remain and enjoy more refreshments, try their luck at the tombola [Bottle and Chocolate] and support the community.

Watch this space for more information on what is promising to be a festive and joyful event for our Church community.

Parish Pastoral Team

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